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SPEECH BY JONES AT BEDFORD CITY

Reviews Record of Senator Martin, and Defends His Own Course.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bedford City, Va., June 26.—Congressman William A. Jones, candidate for the United States Senate, spoke here today before a fairly large and representative audience in the courthouse. His remarks were along the line of addresses previously delivered at other points. He reviewed the record of Senator Martin on the tariff issues, and his attitude on the tariff in the Lorimer case, but most especially he expressed his views on the political status in Virginia and the ring that controls elections and State officials.

Mr. Jones spoke at length on his own record in political matters, discussing each point in detail. He said he had always consistently supported a low tariff, while Martin had often voted with the Republican party, especially on the high tariff on white pine lumber.

FATALLY INJURED.

Child Falls From Wagon on to the Prongs of a Pitchfork.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Harrisonburg, Va., June 26.—Ruth Martin, the twelve-year-old daughter of J. Snively Martin, is not expected to live. While riding with her father and a girl playmate on the wagon near Hinton, seven miles west of town, the child fell from the wagon upon the prongs of a pitchfork, which she had in her hand. The frantic father jumped from the wagon and carried the child to the barn, 300 yards distant.

The steel prong of the fork entered the skull just above the eyebrow, piercing a bone and sinking six inches into the child's brain. The entire left side is paralyzed, and there is small hope for recovery.

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WILL MAINTAIN FEW GARRISONS

Number of Army Posts Is to Be Reduced One-Half.

Washington, June 26.—The War Department is preparing to reduce the number of army posts in the United States by one-half, according to Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, who was a witness today before the House Committee on Expenditures in the War Department. This is in line with the policy of concentration of the armed land forces of the United States, which has been worked out by the Army War College and eventually, General Wood said, will result in economy. But, owing to what he called the "ill-advised" location of army posts in past years and the continuing expenditure of money on them, it appeared to the committee as if, initially, the government will have to abandon millions of dollars worth of property if the general staff plan is carried out.

Commenting on the recent activity of United States troops along the Mexican frontier, General Wood said that the proposition, as a mobilization of a skeleton force, was a success, but as a mobilization of a war-strength division was a failure. There had been, he said, no adequate preparation for reserve war supplies.

The committee is interested. The committee of which Representative Harvey Helm, of Kentucky, is chairman, seemed most interested in General Wood's comments on small and large garrisons and in the department's plan to abolish one-half of the existing army posts.

"Scattered small garrisons," said General Wood, "have rendered the instruction of officers in the command of large bodies of troops practically impossible."

Small posts were undesirable for many reasons, the chief of staff said. One of the main objections was that at a small post a large percentage of the men were always busy cleaning up and doing police duty.

"This condition," he said, "is discouraging both to officers and men. At a battalion post, with sixty-five men to the company, an officer who can turn out twenty-five for drill is fortunate. So the small post is undesirable, not only from an economic standpoint, but also from the standpoint of straight military efficiency."

General Wood explained that by a "small post" he meant a post of less than one regiment, and added that by far the greater part of the army was scattered around the country in this way.

The War Department was considerably embarrassed in making plans for the abandonment of many of these posts, General Wood said, by the fact that a great deal of money had been spent on them in recent years. He displayed hesitancy in criticizing the policy of former heads of the War Department and the military establishment that had permitted the carrying out of this policy, but finally described the process as "ill advised."

General Wood also spoke of the expense as an embarrassment to the department in its efforts to abolish many of the existing posts.

Manoeuvres Along Border. "Were the Texas manoeuvres a success?" Chairman Helm inquired.

"Yes," the General replied, "in so far as getting the regular regiments to the front on time was concerned. There was no delay on the part of the troops, but we gave the railroads practically no advance notice, and in some cases there was a delay in getting cars to transport the men."

"Did the mobilization demonstrate the lack of 'team work' in the army organization?" Mr. Helm inquired.

"No," General Wood replied, "everything went very smoothly."

DESIRED RAISE INVOLVED RECOGNITION OF UNION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., June 26.—The Dominion Iron Works here are partially idle, due to trouble with the union molders.

The union men, following their organization recently, requested an increase in pay. This was denied, it is said, because it involved a recognition of the union.

New-Reynolds. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Suffolk, Va., June 26.—Miss Rosa Lee Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reynolds, of Nansemond county, and Joseph Allen New, of Cape Charles county, were married today.

The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. R. McFarland. They left for a honeymoon trip.

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TO RECOVER ABOUT FORTY PER CENT.

Decree in Case of Defunct Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

Alexandria, Va., June 26.—The creditors of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation will receive 20 per cent. of their deposits by September 15 next, according to a decree entered by Judge L. C. Barley in the Corporation Court this morning on the exceptions filed to the report of John H. Johnson, special commissioner in the case of T. J. Fannon and others against the defunct concern. The receivers now have \$125,000 in their possession, and the proven claims amount to \$331,000. After paying 20 per cent. on the proven claims, they will have left about \$19,000.

The real estate of the defunct concern is said to be worth about \$100,000. When this is sold the creditors probably will receive another 20 per cent. dividend, which will make a total of 40 per cent.

Commissioners Named. In the decree which was entered this morning Judge Barley appointed S. G. Brent, J. G. Hiden, H. W. Smith, G. L. Boothe and R. C. L. Moncreux special commissioners for the purpose of selling the property of the concern either at public auction or private sale, subject to the confirmation of the court, and they gave bond in the sum of \$25,000. It is directed that they shall turn all money and notes over to the receivers as fast as they come into the hands of the commissioners.

The court suspended for sixty days the operation of the decree so far as the Bickers claim is concerned, in order to allow the beneficiaries time to take an appeal.

The court in its decree sustained the exceptions of the Commonwealth and allowed the Commonwealth preference on the deposit of T. W. Robinson, city treasurer, which amounted to \$18,000, which was with the defunct concern at the time of its collapse.

The court also sustained the exceptions of W. H. Broughton, J. K. M. Norton and Howard W. Smith, receivers, to the report on the claim of W. A. Bickers's estate, declaring that the same was not a preferred claim, but shall come in as a general creditor, which amounts to \$18,250.

Exceptions Are Overruled. The court overruled the exceptions

of the American National Bank of Washington, but allowed \$59 as a preferred claim, and also overruled the claim of the St. Paul Guild, of Charlottesville, and continued the arguments on the exceptions of C. J. Rixey until the September term.

The petition of H. H. Miller was continued until the July term of court, as were also the exceptions of the Second National Bank of Culpeper, and the District National Bank of Washington. It is set forth in the decree that there is nothing in the commissioner's report or decree that shall affect the alleged liability of the directors of the defunct concern.

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FAILS TO AGREE, JURY DISCHARGED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Roanoke, Va., June 26.—After having had the case of the United States vs. the Clifton Forge Ice and Bottling Company under advisement since Friday, the jury sitting in the case today reported that it was unable to agree, and Judge McDowell, of the United States District Court, dismissed the jury, the case being continued until February for another trial.

The charge against the concern was the adulteration of ice cream, manufactured for shipment. The proceedings were conducted under the pure food and drug law. Had the jury returned a verdict of guilty in each of the three charges, it would have been possible to fine the concern as much as \$600. The law provides that shipments out of the State give the government the power to prosecute the concern.

In this case the company was charged with making three shipments of impure ice cream to West Virginia. The government went to great expense in pushing the charges, having brought a number of experts here from Washington to testify in the case.

INSIST WEYMOUTH IS ALIVE

Missing Man's Brother Says Supposed Victim Is in Canada.

Bliddeford, Me., June 26.—In contradiction of the statement that Charles I. Weymouth, of Dayton, met a violent death in that town three years ago and was buried secretly near the farmhouse of "Dr." Fred B. Snow, several friends and relatives of the missing man said that Weymouth is still alive. They said he went to Canada five years ago.

Although belief in the story told by "Dr." Snow's daughter, Gladys, of the alleged killing of Weymouth was greatly weakened by these statements, search for the body in the woods was not given up.

Edward Weymouth, a brother of the missing man, and Henry A. Howes, of Saco, a letter carrier, both declared today that Weymouth is alive and in Canada. Howes said if the authorities would pay his expenses to Canada he would bring back a photograph of

himself and Weymouth together. He declined to make public the name of the town where Weymouth resides, because, he said, he was sworn to secrecy as to the matter, when he accidentally met the missing man five years ago.

At New England Resorts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Boston, Mass., June 26.—Among southerners arrived at New England summer resorts are the following:

Rangeley, Me.—Walter Weston, of Richmond, at the Rangeley Lake House.

Narragansett Pier, R. I.—Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, of Wilmington, N. C., at their cottage at Kentara Green.

Edgartown, Mass.—Mrs. Charles J. Allen, of Asheville, N. C., at the Allen Cottage, Starbuck Neck.

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